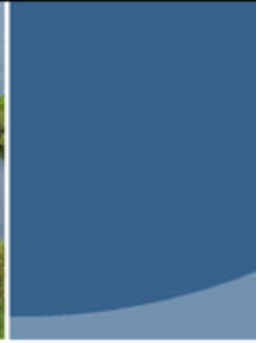


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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



**Eric Buermann**  
Governing Board  
Chairman

Welcome to *The Ripple Effect*, the South Florida Water Management District's monthly electronic newsletter that covers the latest water news — straight from the source.

### December's District Governing Board. . .

December was a momentous month at the South Florida Water Management District. On December 16, the Governing Board voted to approve a contract with the United States Sugar Corporation to acquire more than 180,000 acres of agricultural land for Everglades restoration. This is a historic moment in time that will potentially allow us to store and treat water on a scale never before envisioned, providing priceless benefits to the River of Grass, Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and estuaries...[more](#)

## SFWMD Governing Board Takes Next Step Toward Historic Land Acquisition for Everglades Restoration

After extensive deliberation, due diligence and public input, the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board voted 4 to 3 on December 16 to accept a proposal to acquire more than 180,000 acres of agricultural land for Everglades restoration from the United States Sugar Corporation, contingent upon a specific amendment to the negotiated purchase and sale contract... [more](#)

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From negotiating one of the largest and most complex real estate transactions in Florida's history to responding to a year's worth of weather extremes, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) successfully met a broad spectrum of challenges in 2008... [more](#)

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## Calendar

### January 8

Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC) Monthly Meeting  
9:00 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

### January 12

Governing Board Workshop  
1 p.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

### January 13

Governing Board Meeting  
9:00 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

### January 27

Special Everglades Technical Oversight Meeting  
10 a.m., SFWMD Headquarters, West Palm Beach

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